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Recovery in services

Services – the second quarter of 2021

**In the Q2 2021, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 13.8%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 14.8%. Seasonally adjusted sales in services increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 3.4%, quarter‑on‑quarter (q-o-q).**

**Development in the second quarter of 2021**

In the Q2 2021, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1) increased** **in real terms (at constant prices) by 3.4%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q increase occurred in all industries of services (CZ-NACE sections). The highest sales growth was reported by accommodation and food service activities.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 13.8%. The y-o-y increase was reported by all industries of services. The growth was caused, to a great extent, by a low comparison basis.

**Year-on-year, non-adjusted** sales increased by 14.8%. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 25.4%. Sales in air transport more than doubled (growth by 132.8%). An increase of sales was also reported in warehousing and support activities for transportation (by 30.9%), postal and courier activities (by 25.0%), and land transport and transport via pipelines, which is the most significant in terms of volume (by 19.5%). Lower sales were reported in water transport only, namely by 0.1%;
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 32.7%. An increase of sales was reported for both the food and beverage service activities (by 33.3%) and the accommodation (by 29.7%);
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 6.1%. A double-digit growth of sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (growth by 73.0%) and information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals (growth by 13.1%). An increase of sales was also reported by programming and broadcasting activities (by 9.5%), publishing activities (by 5.9%), computer programming, consultancy and related activities (by 5.3%), and telecommunications (by 1.5%);
* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 2.8%, y-o-y. The sales increase was the most obvious in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (by 20.0%). Conversely, lower sales were reported by buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (by 1.4%);
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**increased by 10.9%. The biggest influence on that development came from an increase of sales in advertising and market research (by 21.7%). An increase of sales was also reported by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (by 12.2%), legal and accounting activities (by 11.0%), and architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis (by 10.3%). Conversely, lower sales were reported by other professional, scientific and technical activities, which include, for example, business brokerage activities, translation and interpretation activities, photographic activities, or activities of quantity surveyors (by 0.7%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**increased by 19.8%, y-o-y. The most considerable increase of sales was in travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (growth by 402.4%). Sales increased in employment activities (by 26.1%), rental and leasing activities (by 13.4%), and office administrative, office support and other business support activities (by 11.2%). A y-o-y increase of sales was also reported by services to buildings and landscape activities (by 2.5%) and security and investigation activities (by 1.8%).

Notes:

1) For the purpose of the News Release, services include the following CZ-NACE sections: Transportation and storage (H), Accommodation and food service activities (I), Information and communication (J), Real estate activities (L), Professional, scientific and technical activities – excluding Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M excluding 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities (N).

2) For the purpose of the News Release, section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.

All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.

Data for the Q2 2021 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2021 will be released in March 2022.

Since the way estimates for non-surveyed part of the sample are made has changed, previously released data may be revised more.

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*Related outputs: Base indices since 2000 and y-o-y indices since 2001 are available in time series (excluding section J, which is available since 2005 or rather 2006).*

*(*[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu_ts)*)*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Sales in services (year-on-year indices)

Table 2 Sales in services (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Table 3 Sales in services (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart Sales in services – base indices, constant prices

Chart Sales in services – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, current prices